

## N E W S L E T T E R

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## AWARDS TO OUR ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES

The annual conference of the Public Library Section/Kentucky Library Trustee Association saw two librarians and one board of trustees honored for their achievements.

The **Outstanding Board of Trustees Award** went to the **Kenton County Public Library**. Faced with many challenges, the Board decided to approach the future with a comprehensive long-range plan designed to give direction to their services, finances, and facilities. As a result of their plan, the board added a full-time community relations specialist to the staff, resulting in—among others—a new library logo, a monthly calendar of events, a quarterly newsletter, a mailing list for sending out information, a stronger liaison with local media, and a deeper involvement with the local Chamber of Commerce.



*Tony Durso, Mary Northington, Mary Ann Mongan (director), Richard Gibeau, and John Toelke*

Service enhancements included providing Internet access for the public as well as electronic access to the library's catalogue, best seller lists, encyclopedias, college catalogues, a KCPL home page, and development of local resource databases. Young adult's and children's programming received additional funding. The Board established a Staff Development Day, closing to the public one day each year to provide better training for the staff.

The Board has addressed facilities by building a new branch, renovating the main facility, and is currently planning to replace another busy branch with a new building. To help finance these and on-going programs, the Board successfully raised the tax rate in 1994 to 6 ¢ per \$100.

The **Margaret Willis Outstanding Community Service Award** is presented to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the development and promotion of public library service on the local level. This year's recipient is **Virginia Green**, director of the Bell County Public Library System. During her tenure the library was one of the first to provide public access computing, one of the first to offer Internet service for patrons, and one of the first to offer dial-in services from users' homes. The library now provides many services via its website and accepts reference questions and renewal requests via e-mail. She also oversaw new buildings in both Pineville and Middlesboro—followed by a major restoration (after a flood) in one and an expansion in the other.

The **Outstanding Public Library Service Award** recognizes the contributions of an administrator whose career has exemplified combining excellence in local service with the promotion of libraries on a regional or broader basis. This year's award was presented to **Linda Kompanik**, director of the Logan County Public Library. Accomplishments under her direction: the library automated, developed a long-range plan, created a collection development policy, extended hours of service, increased circulation dramatically, certified more staff, and became involved in many community initiatives.

## NEW TRAVEL RATES

Many libraries have adopted mileage and meal reimbursement rates that follow the state's per diem rates. As of July 1, 1999 these rates have increased to the following:

Breakfast	\$ 7
Lunch	\$ 8
Dinner	\$15
Mileage	30¢ per mile

Those libraries that reimburse travel at the exact expense might want to consider the convenience of going to a per diem system. Under such a system there is no need for employees to collect and submit receipts for meals, nor for the fiscal officer to save them for a period of time. Most libraries using this system have found it to be no more expensive—in some cases less so—than exact reimbursement. Additional information on how it works can be obtained from your local regional librarian.

## KEATS GRANT

The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation awarded "mini-grants" of \$500 to fund programming that promotes children's reading and literature to the following Kentucky public libraries:

Breckinridge  
Laurel  
Oldham  
Pike (Phelps branch)

Other libraries interested in pursuing a Keats grant may request an application by sending a SASE to:

Martin Pope, President  
Ezra Jack Keats Foundation  
1005 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11230  
718.252.4047

*"Libraries are the Rodney Dangerfield of America's educational world."*

-- Marvin Scilken

## OUTREACH SELECTIONS MADE

The Outreach Selection Review Committee met to review and score the FY2000 applications for new bookmobiles and other forms of outreach services. State Librarian and Commissioner James Nelson later approved the committee's recommendations and made the following awards:

Bath	bookmobile
Fleming	bookmobile
Greenup	bookmobile
Jackson	bookmobile
Jefferson	bookmobile
Nicholas	van for delivery
Metcalf	bookmobile
Monroe	bookmobile
Trigg	bookmobile

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## VISITOR AT THE LIBRARY

The Perry County Public Library was first contacted on Wednesday morning about the President coming to Hazard. At that time we thought he would actually be in the library, but by evening we'd found out that the library would be where the national press and the White House press would be headquartered.

By Wednesday evening the library had placed children's books about Bill Clinton on the shelves for decoration, with prior approval from White House staff member Brian Kelly. (We were not to display any books containing negative comments about the President.) On Thursday morning, the books had disappeared from the shelves. We asked Brian about them, and he said they had been taken so someone could read them and that we may be surprised at how we'd get them back. He said, "There may be a little black ink mark in them." We assumed that the President might sign them and return them by mail. We're waiting....

Friday we cleared the upstairs of tables, chairs, copier, and loose items. It was a real WORK day! Saturday we cleaned and covered tables with cloths, cleaned and set up chairs, typed directional signs and put them up, answered the phone, took messages, made calls for Brian, assembled copies, decorated and accepted deliveries for the national press. About 36 extra phone lines were run into the building, along with extra power cords and extra TV cable. People were running in and out all day—service men, secret service, and White House staff. Brian scheduled a meeting for Sunday afternoon with all library staff that would be working on Monday.

Monday the sweep of the town supposedly started at 7:00 a.m. with bomb squad dogs and secret service men. Around 9:30 a.m. the all clear was given. We made it through the metal detectors and into the library. Now we were forbidden to go outside without a press pass

around our necks until the outside area of town was cleared. About 30,000 free tickets had been handed out to the public during the previous few days. The public would have to have a ticket before they could get into town, and they also would have to pass through metal detectors.

We helped the caterer and basically ran for anything anyone needed. It was very hectic. When the press arrived, three of us were sent to meet the buses. The first person off the bus was Sam Donaldson. We stood outside in unreal temperatures for about an hour directing the press into the library as they passed through the metal detectors and secret service. It was so hot that people in town were passing out. Some were brought into the library until ambulances could arrive. Some were taken to the North Fork Grille on Main Street.

Mayor Bill Gorman, Cawood Ledford, Jesse Jackson, Gov Paul Patton, and the President spoke. The President's speech lasted exactly 11 minutes. After the speech, the President shook hands and greeted the public on the street. A reporter told me that the secret service got bent out of shape when the President darted into the local North Fork Grille to check on those who had passed out from the heat. (I actually had a chance to shake hands with the President!)

The press finished up and left around 7:30 p.m. Some had signed up for Perry County Public Library cards and reminisced about their young days in a library.

Tuesday, the day after, most of the phone lines were taken out and the equipment was gone. Now everything had to be put back in its place. My office would no longer look like a supply cabinet. It was a very tiresome, but exciting experience I won't forget.

-- Elaine Couch  
Kentucky River Regional Office Administrative Assistant

## KENTUCKY COMMONWEALTH VIRTUAL LIBRARY

On July 12-13, library staff attended an orientation session on the Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual University (KCVU) and the Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual Library (KCVL) via 13 teleconferencing centers across the state. The Commonwealth of Kentucky and the Council for Postsecondary Education presented KCVU/KCVL as a one-stop place for all Kentuckians to access anywhere, anytime learning offered by the public and private colleges and universities of Kentucky.

### **Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual University:**

KCVU was created with the passage of the Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997. Its purpose is to bring some educational opportunities to the students—rather than requiring them to come to the university. Through KCVU, students may take courses via satellite, over the Internet, and through interactive television.

The initial offerings for the 1999 Fall semester are:

- Fire Fighter Certification
- Library Science
- Nursing
- Speech Pathology
- Rehabilitation Counseling
- Special Education
- Office Systems Certification
- Network & Information Systems Technology
- Going the Distance: The Next Frontier

Enrollment opened on July 10, and within ten days, 85 registrations had been received. Further information can be found at the KCVU website at <http://www.kcvu.org>. [Hint: This might be a good site to bookmark.]

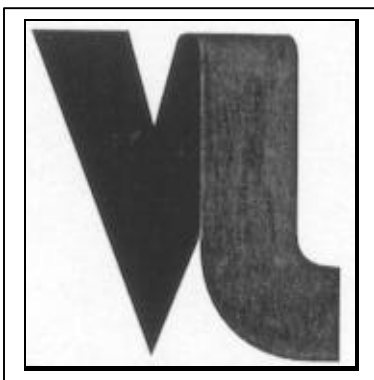
### **Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual Library:**

The KCVL is a library that is open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, and is delivered to you wherever you are as long as you have access to the Internet. It provides users electronic access to library collections all over Kentucky to and information services all over the world. Through shared databases and state-of-the-art retrieval services, the KCVL not only provides academic support to distance learners enrolled in the KCVU, but is also available to—students and citizens alike through existing university, college, and public libraries.

What can KCVL do for your library? With one keyboard command, your users can search

across online library catalogues in 9 institutions to see if any library has the item wanted and if it is available for use. Your customers can also search across electronic indices, abstracts, and full-text databases to get an article either through online display, e-mail, fax, or through other document delivery methods.

Although KCVL can be accessed from all over the world, it is primarily for Kentuckians. And to that end it offers online access to unique Kentucky collections and state publications. Where else can one listen to former Governor A B “Happy” Chandler sing, in his own unique way, *My Old Kentucky Home*? Or easily find both the regular and commercial drivers license manuals? A juror’s handbook? Voluntary accreditation standards for non-public schools? Or a directory of services for Kentucky’s homeless? KCVL promises to bring an exciting future to public libraries across the state.



## AUDIT REMINDER

Taxing districts, are you in compliance with KRS 65.065? In a nutshell, a taxing district library must employ an independent CPA or contract with the Auditor of Public Accounts for an annual audit if the library receives or spends more than \$400,000 in a year. Those with budgets under \$400,000 must have an audit every four years.

The audit must conform to “generally accepted governmental auditing standards” (usually known as a yellowbook audit) to meet the requirements of the law. That means that a financial statement isn’t enough! And not every CPA is qualified; be sure he/she is certified to perform this kind of audit. At a minimum, the audit must compare receipts and expenditures to the budget, have a section on Internal Control, and a section of Compliance with various laws.

## FACE PAINT RECIPE

1 teaspoon corn starch  
½ teaspoon water  
½ teaspoon cold cream  
small amount of food coloring

Mix together in an old muffin tin.  
Each recipe makes enough of one color.

We are faced with	<b>Information Age</b> challenges
in a	<b>High Technology Age</b>
with a	<b>Bureaucratic Age</b> culture
and an	<b>Industrial Age</b> delivery system
governed by an	<b>Agricultural Age</b> calendar
and a	<b>Feudal Age</b> agenda.

## CATALOGUES FOR KIDS

For selections to benefit the Asian-American children in your library community, a charming catalogue that is “Parent’s Choice” approved can help. The *Asia For Kids* catalogue features bilingual books, videos, CD-ROMs, music, dolls, and crafts. For additional information, contact Asia for Kids at 800.888.9681; e-mail [sales@afk.com](mailto:sales@afk.com); or visit <http://www.afk.com>.



Another favorite in the *Ninos* catalogue, which features resources in English and Spanish, with tools for teachers, references sources, and books and media for children from pre-kindergarten through high school levels. To get on the *Ninos* mailing list, call 800.634.3304 or fax 201.583.3644.

## HOME SCHOOLING ESTIMATES

1980	25,000
1996	1,000,000
2000	2,000,000 estimated

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A hungry lion was roaming through the jungle looking for something to eat. He came across two men. One was sitting under a tree and reading a book; the other was typing away on his laptop. The lion quickly pounced on the man reading the book and devoured him. Even a cat knows that readers digest and writers cramp.

## SHEL SILVERSTEIN

The author of *Where the Sidewalk Ends*, *The Giving Tree*, and *A Light in the Attic* was found dead of a heart attack in his Key West home on May 10, 1999. He was 66 years old. Silverstein is probably best known for his children's poetry. Perhaps less well known is the fact that he wrote the song "A Boy Named Sue," sung by Johnny Cash, and "One's On The Way," sung by Loretta Lynn.

## SAVING MONEY ON THE ROAD

If you have to make more than one business call from a hotel room, use the # button after each party has hung up. Why? This will save you the surcharge most hotels add to each phone call by keeping the connection to the long-distance carrier. Added tip: This technique will also save time at pay phones.



## FUNDRAISING BY THE MILE

Just to put that money into a space and distance perspective, consider this:

A foot of pennies	= \$ 2
A mile of pennies	= \$ 10,560
A foot of nickels	= \$ 8
A mile of nickels	= \$ 42,250
A foot of dimes	= \$ 20
A mile of dimes	= \$ 105,600
A foot of quarters	= \$ 40
A mile of quarters	= \$211,200

## TECHNICAL SERVICES NEWS

The technical services department at KDLA is always pleased to get cataloguing questions from libraries. To assist further with those little "oddities" that arise, the *Kentucky Public Library Newsletter* will feature cataloguing tips on a regular basis. To make the information all the more valuable, real questions from real librarians are solicited. Write, call, or e-mail Myra Prewitt at: Box 537, Frankfort, 40602; 502.564.8300, ext 227; mprewitt@ctr.kdla.state.ky.us.

**Tip:** Many of you have Disney videos, and we all know that it is impossible to find dates on the videocassette release. We have found a great source that tells when the movie was released, as well as the videocassette. It is *Disney A to Z: The Update Official Encyclopedia* (Hyperion, 1998, \$32.95, ISBN 0786863919). We have decided to purchase this title as a professional tool for our office. So, if you need a Disney date, contact me!

Happy cataloguing from Myra Prewitt!

## GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The Wal-Mart Foundation is offering small grants to support senior-oriented projects. Grants will be available to schools and clubs and any organization which supports projects to honor and/or involve senior citizens.

Under the "Grandparents' Day Grants" programs, Wal-Mart will make one \$300 grant at each of its 1800 stores for intergenerational events and activities. Applications will be available at local Wal-Mart stores beginning in August. Deadlines vary by store. For more information, contact your local Wal-Mart or <<http://www.walmartfoundation.org>>.

## GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL

Public libraries can show their community school spirit by making a display, in the children's department, of t-shirts or sweatshirts from local elementary schools. The same idea holds true for area high schools in the YA or teen area.

One way to reach teachers is to send out a newsletter informing them of the services your library offers. Include information on: hours, special services, special teaching aids such as die-cut machines, class tours, new reference books in the collection, new Internet resources, closed reserves for special assignments, homework help centers, readers advisory for students, etc. Distribute the newsletter to each teacher in your library service area. Be sure to include the library's phone and fax number and e-mail address for Assignment Alerts!

## PICNIC TIME

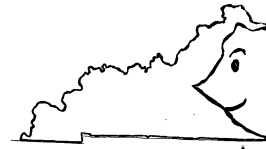
Many non-profits (and that includes public libraries) hold picnics for staff and their families in the summer. Trustees may "delegate" the organization, but should support such an endeavor wholeheartedly. The staff will appreciate your attention. Even if you can't attend, send a box of cookies or fruit for everyone to share.

-- Board Cafe

*"One of the ways I instantly judge a library is by the neatness of their temporary signs."*

-- Marvin Scilken

## 'CROSS THE COMMONWEALTH



All across the Commonwealth public libraries and librarians are doing remarkable things that deserve the recognition of their colleagues. This column attempts to highlight some of these. Requests for additional items are continually solicited.

**Rockcastle County Public Library** received a \$10,000 data conversion grant from KDLA. This same library also garnered a 4-page insert in the local newspaper promoting the library during NLW.

The **McKell** family of **Greenup County** donated \$10,000 and a new bookdrop to the public library.

The Barren River Area Development District has awarded \$6,542 each to the following county libraries: **Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Hart, Logan, Metcalfe, Monroe, and Simpson**. The funds will be used to support economic development proposals.

**Laurel County Public Library** has opened a new children's branch in London. The 25-hour a week branch will house 4,000 children's books, computers, software, Internet access, and a browsing collection on parenting.

**Oldham County Public Library** has initiated PR2000—a year of public relations emphasis. Staff and board met over pizza and soda to brainstorm on ways and means to increase public awareness of the library's many resources.

## LIBRARY TRIVIA CORNER

### WORDS OFTEN CONFUSED BY PATRONS

#### USERS:

**Bibliography** – Most of the time customers really mean they want a biography.

**Reference book** – Because they want to refer to a book for facts, but also want to check it out, users are often surprised when they are told that a certain book is a reference book and cannot be checked out.

**Fiction** – Sounds true. Or is it the other way around? Nonfiction sounds like “not true” to many people.

**Check out** – When people say “check out” a book on a topic, they might really mean “take a look at it.”

**Citation** – Is this a speeding ticket, or what? Drop it. Use the word reference instead.

**A-V desk** – What in the world is that? Say “audio-visual” instead.

**ILL** – Same thing. Say “interlibrary loan” or maybe even “borrow from another library.”

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